Constitution of Agricultural Readjustment Fund

4246. DR. BIPLAB DASGUPTA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the Punjab Government's proposal to constitute an Agricultural Readjustment Fund for ensuring a smooth transition from the present wheat, rice rotation towards diversified agriculture over a period of time;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE) : (a) to (c) No proposal for constituting an Agricultural Readjustment Fund has been received from the Government of Punjab through Chief Minister, Punjab, mentioned about launching of such a fund with a corpus of Rs. 550 crore over a period of five years during the meeting held with the Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission on 26-04-2001 for finalisation of Annual Plan 2001-02 of the State. However, the State Government has reported subsequently that it shall be possible for it to formulate a proposal to be submitted to the Government of India after receipt of the report of the Experts Committee headed by Prof. Y.K. Alagh on World Trade Organization (WTO) and its impact on Punjab's Agriculture and Industry.

Benefit of investment to States

4247. SHRI LAJPAT RAI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the names of States that are gaining maximum benefit of investment due to atmosphere being favourable for investment;

(b) what has been the level of each State from this point of view; and

(c) the view of Planning Commission for following the model document prepared by State Vision-2020?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE) : (a) and (b) The State-wise information on investment are not available. However, the benefits of investment are indicated, among others, by the rate of growth of Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP). The